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National Reentry Week Edition

The Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) recognizes April, Second Chance Month, with declaring Reentry Week Monday, April 23, 2018 – Friday, April 27, 2018.

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Prison Release Expo

"Everyone in society has a time in their life they need help." Division of Reentry Services Director, Kristin Harrod states, "The Department of Corrections staff is fortunate to be in the position to give help to someone in need and make a difference in an individual's life. I hope each and every staff member in DOC sees that no matter their position in the Department, they are making a difference."

At least 95% of inmates will be released from incarceration at some point. Currently in Kentucky DOC custody population, there are over 24,000 individuals as well as an additional 47,000 on active Probation & Parole supervision.

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Division of Reentry Services New Staff Spotlight

Kathryn (Katie) Green Louisville Corrections Program Administrator

In August 2012, Katie Green began her career as a Probation and Parole Officer in District 3 - Bowling Green, Kentucky. There she supervised a mixed caseload, then transitioned to managing Class D offenders and the Home Incarceration Program (HIP). In November 2015, she started working weekly overtime at the Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR) due to staff shortages and has continued to do so. In September 2016, she transferred to District 16 in Louisville. There she supervised a division caseload, then transitioned to a parole only caseload. Mrs. Green became a certified Field Training Officer (FTO) who trains new probation officers with on-the-job training procedures and guidelines as a new officer, and a certified facilitator of Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) in 2016. on March 16, 2018, Katie promoted to the Division of Reentry Services as a Corrections Program Administrator for the Louisville area.



Katie Green Corrections Program Administrator

Katie is a 2012 graduate of Western Kentucky University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Sociology with a Minor in Criminology. She currently resides in Oldham County.

Dan Goyette Louisville Reentry Employment Program Administrator

Dan Goyette began his career with the Department of Correction (DOC) in June 2009 as a Correctional Officer (CO) at the Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR) and promoted to Recreation Leader in August 2010 at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW). December 2010 he transferred to Offender Information Services (OIS) at KCIW as an Offender Information Specialist and in June 2012, promoted to Classification and Treatment Officer (CTO) at KCIW and trained in 2012 as a Pathfinders Instructor. Mr. Goyette promoted to Correctional Unit Administrator I (CUA1) in August 2013 and one of the institutions program facilitators of programming. Since transferring to KCIW, Mr. Goyette graduated iLEAD, a leadership program in which employees are nominated, served as rotational duty officer and the ACA file holder in maintaining various ACA files for the institution (since 2013). In 2014, Goyette received "Supervisor of the quarter", and the Commissioner's



Dan Goyette-Reentry Employment Program Administrator

Achievement Award. In 2014, he was the institutional coordinator for conducting PREA Risk Assessments for the offender population, assisted in completing 638 risk assessments on the entire population in a two-week period without disrupting the normal daily operations (KCIW was the first to get theirs completed as they were one of the first PREA audits) and was trained as a PREA Investigator. Mr. Goyette promoted to Correctional Unit Administrator II (CUA II) in May 2015, and completed the FEMA Incident Command System certifications in 2017. On April 1, 2018, Dan accepted the position of Reentry Employment Program Administrator for the Louisville area, in the Division of Reentry Services.

Mr. Goyette graduated from Michigan State University in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and lives in Louisville with his wife and 3 year old son.

Division of Reentry Services New Staff Spotlight continued:

Jack Vance Somerset Reentry Employment Program Administrator

Jack Vance began his career in corrections in 1988, as a Counselor at the Residential Reentry Center in Ashland, Kentucky. In 1991, Vance was hired as a Correctional Officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at the Federal Correctional Institution in Fairton, New Jersey. In 1993, he was promoted to the position of Drug Abuse Treatment Specialist and began working in the institution's 500 Hour Residential Treatment Program. In 1995, Vance returned home to Kentucky while maintaining the same position at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) in Manchester. In 2005, Vance transferred to the United States Penitentiary McCreary as an Education Specialist. There, Mr. Vance continued to be very active in offender rehabilitation by holding the collateral duties as Pre-Release Program Coordinator and later Reentry Affairs Program Coordinator. In 2011, as the Bureau of Prisons continued to expand its reentry efforts, Vance became the first full time Reentry Affairs Program Coordinator at



Jack Vance -Reentry Employment Program Administrator

FCI Manchester. He held this position until his retirement in 2014. Mr. Vance returned to work as a Substance Abuse Counselor at Cross Roads Treatment Center in Corbin, Kentucky. In June, 2016, Mr. Vance was hired as a Probation/Parole Officer in District 10—London area, working a regular caseload in Jackson and Clay Counties. Mr. Vance accepted the position of Reentry Employment Program Administrator for the Somerset area, in the Division of Reentry Services and began work on April 1, 2018.

Mr. Vance graduated from Morehead State University in 1989, earning a Bachelor's degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Corrections. He currently resides in Laurel County with his wife, son, and daughter.

Second Chance Month

Did you know that "one in four American adults have a criminal record, which limits their access to education, jobs, housing, and other things they need to reach" (Prison Fellowship, n.d.) their full potential?

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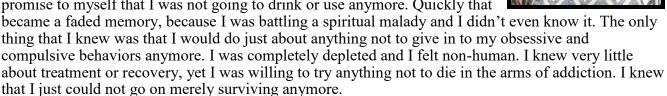
Prison Fellowship. (n.d.). *Second Chance Month*. Retrieved from Prison Fellowship: https://www.prisonfellowship.org/about/justicereform/second-chance-month/

Offender Success Stories: You Can Be Successful

My name is Michelle Mulcahy and this is my story:

I remember the sting of addiction clearly, the utter hell that had become my life. I became a prisoner in my own mind, years before I was a prisoner in the judicial system. I was arrested in December of 2011 on felony drug charges and began to realize that my life was out of control. How was I to know that it was just the beginning of my surrender?

I was bonded out of McCracken County jail two weeks later with the solemn promise to myself that I was not going to drink or use anymore. Quickly that



I called Four Rivers after attending a 12-step meeting that the Fuller Center was also attending. I saw an open door, a glimmer of hope. I received a bed date for April 9, 2012. I was so afraid that I would die if I continued to use that I took the suggestion of getting a sponsor of a 12-step program before I left for treatment. I made my final surrender on March 26, 2012. Through the suggestion of my sponsor, I was able to walk into treatment with fourteen (14) days of abstinence. My mind was a little clearer and I was able to grasp what the staff was teaching. I became a sponge and latched on to what I found in treatment. The day that I graduated treatment, I met with my Probation Officer, my sponsor, and headed to a meeting. I took all the suggestions that I was handed. I was finally given the tools to live a clean and sober life.

I started taking classes at WKTCS to achieve my Associates and on December 15, 2015, I graduated from WKTCS. I worked at McDonalds for the next three (3) years, attended school, made meetings, and cooperated fully with Probation. I became honest about what I was feeling and was able to share them with both my sponsor and Probation Officer. I was actively living and enjoying my life. I implemented into my life a program of recovery. I stayed in contact with some of those in recovery that worked at the Fuller Center when I was there and when they re-opened, I was called to see if I wanted a job. I accepted the job that they offered and for the last two and half years I have worked at the facility that offered me a chance at life. After taking the Clinical Associate position, July 3, 3015 at the Fuller Center and graduating with my Associates, I began taking classes at MSU in the Social Work program. In May 2018, I will graduate from that University with Honors. I have been through rough times in recovery, I have been through two floods, a house fire, and multiple death during this time, and yet, I did not have to drink or use to deal with it. The obsession to drink and/or use is no longer with me. I am not special or unique, I simply follow a plan of action today that assures me that the obsession will not return.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT OFFERS REENTRY SERVICES AND WOULD LIKE TO SPOTLIGHT THEM, PLEASE LET THIS OFFICE KNOW:

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Success Stories continued:

"I can't make up for lost time, but I can lead by example"

Written by: Michelle L. Prater—Probation and Parole Versailles, KY

Andrew Joe Hager, a forty six year old male, was born on November 1, 1971 in Lexington, Kentucky. Most people would look at Andrew, and think that he lived a rough life, but to Andrew, "this was just everyday life in Irishtown." Andrew told me his life story on a cold, gloomy, Monday morning. As he sat in front of me, I witnessed numerous emotions, sadness, regret, anger, and

disgust, to joy, surprise, trust, and anticipation for his future.

Andrew's mother, Cathy Townsend, became pregnant at fifteen years old with him, and lived at home with her parents and two brothers. Unfortunately, Andrew never knew his father as he lost his life in a car wreck, one month before he was born. Andrew witnessed verbal abuse, drinking, and drug use at such a young age, that he considered it a "normal" way of life. At the age of seventeen, Andrew's mother, Cathy, became pregnant again, with her second child and decided to move out and leave Andrew behind, to be raised by his grandparents. The rejection created a cycle of constant desire to be accepted, and loved. The addiction in the household did not get any better. Both of his grandparents drank a lot, and were constantly verbally abusive towards each other. Unfortunately, he was not excluded from the verbal abuse within the home. Andrew loved his grandfather unconditionally, and stated, "He kept shelter over my head, and provided food for me to eat." Andrew relates that he remembers drinking and using drugs at a young age. His uncles, and other people in the community, would fist fight in the backyard for fun. Andrew described that he grew up in a poor neighborhood, and that he and his grandmother would dumpster dive for aluminum cans, to sell for money. Andrew explained to me, "Again, this was everyday life in Irishtown."



Versailles P&P Officer, Michelle Prater and Andrew Hager.

"Being caught on the absconding warrant, and staying incarcerated was one of the best things that could have happened to me." He reported, "I hated you for writing and getting that warrant.." Then smiles

Andrew attended Harrison Elementary School, on Bruce Street, in Lexington, Kentucky. Andrew explains, "3rd grade was hard for me, I was put in special education, and labeled as a slow learner." Not only did Andrew suffer from emotional abuse, while seeking love and acceptance at home, he was now seeking it outside his home from peers, school teachers, and anyone that would give it to him. Andrew recalls a heart-wrenching story of when he was in 3rd grade: a teacher praised another child for his intelligence, hard work, and how far she thought he would go in life, in front of Andrew, while he waited eagerly and patiently for his turn, for his words of affirmation and praise, but it never came. He said, "I'm a forty six year old man, and I still sit and think about that. It really hurt my self-esteem as a child." Andrew remembers that he could not find his place in school among his peers and teachers, nor could he find it at home. "My grandfather repeatedly told me that I was dumb and stupid." Andrew continued to reach for any attention that he could get from anyone, whether it be positive or negative.

Andrew poured himself into different things in life in an attempt to gain acceptance. He was in a constant cycle of pleasing people. He stated that he made the basketball team at Lexington Junior, where he started each game. "Basketball brought me popularity, and I loved it," said Andrew. According to Andrew, his first true addiction was girls, and he loved chasing and dating them.

At age fourteen, Andrew tried what he considers his "first drug," alcohol, and then marijuana quickly after. For a while, alcohol and marijuana went hand in hand. Around the age of sixteen or seventeen, Andrews's drug abuse progressed. He tried cocaine, and shortly thereafter, began using it intravenously. Andrew liked the way it made him feel, because he was able to escape all of the negative emotions he endured through his childhood. Unfortunately, Andrew never made it to high school and at the age of seventeen found out he was going to be a father. He was not ready to be a dad.

"I can't make up for lost time, but I can lead by example" continued:

He states, "I was already an addict without even knowing it, despite the fact that I could go about a month without using cocaine." While he was actively using cocaine, marijuana and alcohol, he began trafficking large amounts of cocaine. Andrew reported, "For the first time in my life, I had money to support my kids and myself, and it felt good. I was able to buy the new Jordan's for my kids, new clothes, and take them on trips to Kings Island." Andrew states that he could give them things that he did not have growing up.. However, Andrew found that, "material things are not all good. I was not a father. I wasn't there for my kids like they needed me to be."

Trafficking in cocaine brought in good money, and he purchased a motorcycle. After using a heavy amount of cocaine late one evening, Andrew wrecked his motorcycle in Lexington, Kentucky. "I didn't even remember the accident. That is how high I was. I woke up, in the hospital, with several police officer's standing around my bed." He was charged with Possession of Cocaine, went through the appropriate court procedures, and sentenced to enroll and complete the Fayette County Drug Court program. Andrew completed the Drug Court program, was clean and sober for a while, but was still trafficking large amounts of cocaine in and around Lexington.

Prescription pills quickly became his drug of choice. He first tasted opiates after a visit to the dentist. He stated, "I was not using daily yet, but the taste definitely started my craving. I drove a lot of places to get pills to traffic." Before the "pill mills" exploded in Florida, he was driving to Texas a lot to get his "stash." Andrew used lortabs for a long time, but once introduced to oxycontin, the entire game changed for him, as it does for many others suffering from substance abuse. While in the business of trafficking, he was introduced to many people, and recalled a meeting with an anonymous dealer, in Detroit, Michigan, where he was able to get mass amounts of pills to sell. He states, "people were buying these pills like crazy, everywhere." Selling large amounts of drugs, in return brings in large amounts of money. The pills sold very quickly, and Andrew was fronted drugs to sell, before he had the money to pay for them. Andrew reports making weekly trips to Cincinnati to exchange money and drugs. Andrew was selling opiates, and using large amounts daily.

In 2012, his charge in Lexington, Kentucky ended and he was ordered to serve his time in the Fayette County Detention Center. Andrew admitted, "I was in a long-term substance abuse treatment program, The Hope Center, which was offered within the jail. Anything to get me out of jail quicker." After completing about eight months of the program, Andrew was released to the Hope Center on Loudon Avenue, in Lexington. Andrew explained, "I really wasn't ready to change, I was just doing whatever it took just to get outside of these walls. I knew if I could just get out, I could run." After just two weeks from being released from custody, he left the program, and was eventually arrested again in Lexington again and charged with a new felony, Robbery. He plead not guilty in 2013, however, shortly thereafter, he received another charge, Possession of Heroin.

Andrew used oxycontin daily for the longest time, but after the oxycontin formula was changed (oxycontin is now opana), everyone on the streets began using Heroin. Andrew says, "I was 36 years old when I first tried Heroin. I was still running from all of the negative things that had happened to me in my life, all the feelings that I was locking away and not wanting to deal with." Andrew remembers that the first time he tried Heroin, "it took all the responsibilities away, all the fear, all of reality, and I didn't have to feel anymore. I was hooked, and I would do anything to get more." He stated that he remembers Heroin really hitting the streets in 2013. Andrew sadly stated, "You could find this stuff anywhere. It was rampant." In 2013, Andrew appeared in Fayette Circuit Court, before Honorable Judge Clark, where he received 12 months suspended for 2 years supervised probation, for his possession charge. After being released to probation, Andrew decided to move to Versailles, Kentucky. At this time, I was supervising Woodford County probationers and parolees. I met Andrew for the first time on November 14, 2013. Andrew was excited to be out of prison, and told me that he was ready to work on making amends with his children and grandchildren. He also talked about wanting to reach out to his youngest child, who was currently incarcerated at that time. Andrew wanted to become a role model for his children and grandchildren, so that they would not end up like him. I saw Andrew quite a bit at the beginning, because he was on a higher level

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of supervision, due to his past, criminal history, and substance abuse. I saw Andrew three times before he absconded, choosing not to report anymore. Andrew regrettably stated, "I couldn't stay clean long enough to come in to report. I couldn't pass a drug test." Andrew was on the run for a little over a month, before he was found and arrested again on February 7, 2014, in Lexington, Kentucky. He was lodged in the Fayette County Detention Center. He explained to me, "Detox was bad. It's the worst feeling and sickness that anyone can go through." Andrew sits in front of me and states that the first time he detoxed in the Fayette County Detention Center, he was incarcerated with his son, who constantly helped him, made him get up and walk, cleaned up his vomit, cleaned him up when used the bathroom on himself, and took care of him. Locked away from civilization, He asked for treatment. Judge Clark gave him another chance. He agreed to let Andrew participate in a substance abuse treatment program, The Hope Center, with the condition that he remain incarcerated at the Fayette County Detention Center. Andrew says, "I was 42 years old, trafficked drugs to numerous individuals for years, and kept family members of the affected wondering about their loved ones. I was a bad person. All I felt was pain, shame, and guilt; and I did not want to feel that way anymore. I had had enough."

Andrew recalled a time, when Carrolton Robinson, teacher of The Hope Center in the Fayette County Detention Center, asked him, "Do you love your family and your children?" Andrew angrily responded, "Hell yeah, I love my family. I love my kids. What kind of question is that?" Carrolton's response was, "your actions don't show that, you're always in jail." Andrew laughs as he stated, "I hated that man. He always held me accountable." Andrew stated that Carrolton knew his oldest son and his middle son from being in trouble and incarcerated in the Fayette County Detention Center. He also knew Andrew from being in and out of custody for the past four years.

Andrew successfully completed The Hope Center Program, after six months. He eagerly went back before Judge Clark to see if he could be released. However, Judge Clark had different plans for Andrew, and ordered him to stay in for a bit longer. Andrew smiles today and stated, "Being caught on the absconding warrant, and staying incarcerated was one of the best things that could have happened to me. He reported, "I hated you for writing and getting that warrant." Andrew grins from ear to ear today, and tells me that if that had not happened, he would be dead. Andrew reveled, "After all the years of being on the street and running, selling drugs, being beat, shot, and never dealing with my feelings and emotions, finally something clicked." For the first time Andrew listened, received, and indulged himself on what he learned through the 12-step program. He reported learning how to trust, forgive, and release a lot of the pain that he was suffering. Andrew reported that finally, "I had to dig deep and face the facts and consequences for the first time in my life. I had to deal with all the regrets that were haunting me while I used drugs and ran." One regret Andrew had was when he came home to his grandparents' house one day, seeing paramedics and police, standing over top of his grandfather, out in the backyard. Andrew recalled, "I was high and had drugs on me. I turned around and ran the other way. I never made it to his funeral, the one man that was the only father figure that I knew whom provided food and shelter for me. I will regret that for the rest of my life."

Andrew stated that he learned and believes that everything started when he was in third grade, when he was placed in special education. He reports that this is when all the taunting, bullying, and being put down at school and at home started. "I was constantly trying to please people, no matter what I had to do." However, he states again, "I am not playing the victim; I was a coward and didn't want to face my responsibilities."

After completing the substance abuse program, while in custody, Andrew stated that he was put in the Class D program at the Fayette County Detention Center, and received his "green badge." He reported that the "green badge" was an accomplishment and a big deal. For the first time Andrew was rewarded on his good behavior and accomplishments. This badge meant he was able to go outside of the jail walls, and work with other Class D inmates, with supervision. Andrew cheerfully stated, "This was my first true taste of freedom. My first true taste of being sober, and it was a great feeling." Andrew thanks the police officers for arresting him that day, and states that he found God, which is his true Saving Grace.

"I can't make up for lost time, but I can lead by example" continued:

Andrew battled addiction for over two decades. Since being clean and sober, Andrew has dedicated his life to helping families suffering from addiction, and addicts themselves. Andrew excitedly stated, "I want to be there for these people, rather its helping them get to a treatment program, finding a program for them, or helping them stay clean. I have suffered and endured a lot in my forty-six years of life. I'm not God, I can't save anybody, all I could do is be a servant." Andrew states that he has six children, but had to bury his daughter, Brittany Hager. Andrew describes, with tear-filled eyes, "this was one of the saddest days of my life. I had to bury my daughter on November 21, 2017, after she passed away from a heroin overdose in Lexington." Brittany was in active addiction for five years. He explained to me, "we are supposed to protect our children, protect our babies, but sometimes we're powerless."

Andrew attended meetings with Brittany, and he constantly tried to help her. Brittany went to treatment twice, but left after three days the first time. Two months later, Brittany's aunt called, begging Andrew to take Brittany to treatment, even though she still was not ready. Andrew reports taking his daughter and dropping her off at treatment, even though she did not want to go. She screamed at him leaving the car that day, and her last words were "I hate you Andrew Hager. I hate you." Andrew smiled, and said, "I love you. I love you." He sits in front of me, heavy hearted, and states how he regrets not putting Casey's Law into place. Casey's law was enacted in Kentucky in 2004, and is a court ordered treatment, that can be requested for addicted loved ones. Andrew did not complete this process; but if he had, Brittany would have been placed for 60 to 360 days in treatment. Brittany left twenty-four to twenty-six hours later from treatment. He hopelessly reported, "She had the desire, but not the willingness" to change.

As of February 7, 2018, Andrew has four years clean and sober. Andrew says, "You have to want it." In these past four years, Andrew has turned his life around. He has collaborated with several treatment facilities, "All behavioral treatment centers," located in Philadelphia, and Satori Waters Treatment Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Andrew is affiliated with Recovery Works, located in Georgetown, South Shore and Elizabethtown, in Kentucky. He works closely with the Men's Hope Center and the Women's Hope Center in Lexington, Kentucky, numerous Narcotics Anonymous celebrations, Humble Beginnings in New Jersey, and is on the radio in Boca, Florida, called, "Recovery Radio FM." These are just a few of Andrew's accomplishments. Andrew is affiliated locally with Michele Rankin, Woodford County Detention Center Jailer, where he gets to go in and out of jail to try and "carry a message of hope." He also works closely with Fayette and Woodford County Drug Court Programs. Andrew created a new program, "SICK"- Serving Individuals through Caring and Kindness. Andrew reported that he works closely with Teddy Melton, a former Versailles Police Officer, and Jerri Hartley. He chokes up when he talks about Mrs. Hartley, describing her as a "mentor, sponsor, and ultimate support system." Andrew stated, "I am a convicted felon. I used to steal and cheat the system, and last year, Teddy Melton invited me to join his family for Thanksgiving dinner. I am truly blessed."

Andrew excitingly stated, "I never thought I would be sitting here in front of you today, talking to you like a person, and not as an offender. It feels so good to be able to come in the probation office, and know that I have not done anything bad. I'm finally living a life of sobriety." "I am human alright, we're all human, but I don't gotta pick up. I don't gotta pick up, no matter what. Just gotta feel what I feel and move forward."

Andrew will be speaking in Versailles, Kentucky about the "SICK" program at the Versailles United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 1:00pm until 6:00pm.

Recent Reentry Collaboration:

Reaching Individuals: Mission Behind and Beyond the Bars

On Friday, March 2, 2018 the Division of Reentry attended the Reaching Individuals: Behind & Beyond the Bars conference located in Louisville, Kentucky. The conference is a faith-based even focused on offender and reentry ministry in Kentucky.

The conference consisted of guest speakers that discussed the many different barriers that offenders face upon release. Reentry Services Division, Program Administrator Tara Harrod worked in collaboration with many other community agencies. The Reentry Division had their Reentry Employment Program Administrators (REPA) as guest speakers: Erica Hargis, Jennifer Hutchinson, and Jarvis Livingston to discuss what the KY Department of Corrections is doing to assist citizens with employment and their concerns of their employment status. Ms. Hutchinson addressed the spectators regarding the grant-funded project called the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE).



Back: Kristin Harrod, Director of the Division of Reentry Services
Front (left to right):
Jennifer Hutchinson, Erica Hargis, and

The grant seeks to reduce recidivism by helping justice-involved individuals maintain employment. Next, Mr. Livingston lectured about the many different employment programs that each REPA uses in their respective geographical regions. Lastly, Mrs. Hargis spoke about the employment assessment tool that all the REPAs use in an effort to gauge which employment training and/or program would best fit the individual client based on his/her risk-needs, employment history, job skills, intrinsic motivators,

Jarvis Livingston

Other guest speakers at the conference:

and employment barriers.

- Jesse Halladay-Special Advisor the Louisville Metro Police Department, Previously served as a Senior Policy Advisor for John Tilley, Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet
- Dr. Stephanie Grace Prost-University of Louisville-Barriers to Healthcare, Vulnerable Populations Panel, How to be a Welcoming Community
- Melanie Foote, Dept. of Public Advocacy-Expungement Session/Workshop
- Darryll Davis, The Prisoner's Hope Ministry-The Spiritual Journey Beyond Incarceration
- Rev. Dean Bucalos and Mark Johnson-Mission Behind Bars & Beyond-How & Why Mentoring Works
- Melissa Hutchins-Big Brother Big Sisters of Kentuckiana-How to be a Welcoming Community
- Goodwill Industries-Goodwill and Goodwill LifeLaunch



Reaching Individuals: Behind and Beyond the Bars Conference Attendees

YOU HAVE A VOICE!!! Want to use it??? Interested in joining a Kentucky Reentry Council in your area??

Kentucky Reentry Councils

Kentucky Reentry is made up of reentry task forces or councils throughout the state of Kentucky. The reentry groups do not provide services for ex-offenders, nor do they have reentry programs. They are made up of individuals and organizations networking together to share information and improve the reentry process. The members may be organizations and/or individuals that provide services and/or have interests in helping. Each group is focused toward ex-offenders coming back to their areas, the issues involved, and making their community safer.

The basic purpose of each group are:

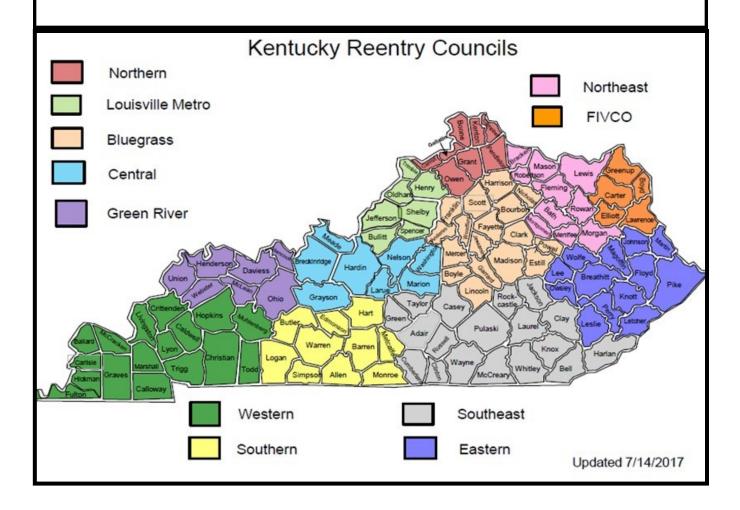
To address the current issues returning citizens face

To develop a network of resources and service providers within their area

To communicate and advocate for the justice involved population to the community and their leaders.

If you would like to join, please visit our updated website: www.kentuckyreentry.org for meeting dates, times and locations in your area!

Also, visit us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/kentuckyreentry



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If you need reentry information, have questions, or would like to attend your local council meeting, please contact them!



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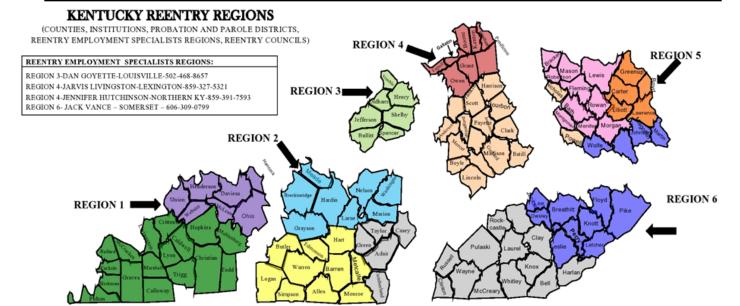
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EVENT:

"The Blameless Children"

Versailles United Methodist Church 230 Paynes Mill Road Versailles, KY 40383 Saturday, June 2, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm









Come out and join us and show love to the Blameless Children! Food provided by JB Food Mart, Inspirational guest speakers, U Bounce Inc. Inflatables for the kids, vendor and resource booths. Fun, friendly family atmosphere!

Join Andrew Hager Live with Guest Speakers:

- Teddy Melton-Boone County Sheriff Department
- Tim Ryan-Recovery Advocate—A&E Documentary "Dope Man"
- Rachel Savage and daughter Jayla-Jayla will speak from a child's view of being removed from her moms care
- Michele Rankin-Woodford County Jailer
- Ashley and Seth Sweeney-Seth in Recovery 1 year
- ◆ Addict Chick-in recovery 3 years-has a blog "addict chick" ◆
- Erin Quinlan-(in recovery) and daughter-lost husband and father to addiction
- Higgy-Recovery
- ♦ Chanda Lynn-Recovery advocate

- Tim Craft-High on Hope Ministries
- Andrew Wilkinson-Son of governor Wallace Wilkinson-Wrote "The Blessings of my storm"- In Recovery
- Susan Beasley-son in recovery and is raising her grandkids
- Heidi Davis-In Recovery
- ◆ Elijah Stevens-EMT-First responder
- ◆ Alexis Johnson-In Recovery, 3 years in June
- Roger Fox and Hilary Blevins
 – Shepherds House Intensive Outpatient Program in Danville
- Laura Gladney-CPS Worker
- Michelle Prater-Versailles Reentry Coordinator

******This is just a few — Additional guest speakers will be speaking, please join us!!******

Music will be provided by:

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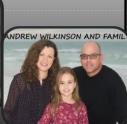








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We offer support, a listening ear, and fun activities for children who are experiencing the stress of incarcerated parents/relatives. Sometimes having friends who know what you are going through can make all the difference! We can be that group of friends for you!



Join us on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Erlanger Library 401 Kenton Lands Road Erlanger, KY 41018

Sept. 14 - Fun and GAMES Oct. 12 - Pumpkin Decorating Nov. 9 - Puppy Tales

Dec. 14 - Lego Holiday Party Jan. 11 - New Year, New Yoga

Feb. 8 - Art for All March 8 - Drum Time April 12 - It's a Garden Monday, May 7 - Party with the Ponies

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Allison Brown • 606-436-3161, ext. 5016





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Kentucky's 5th Annual System of Care Academy

Building Resilient Youth, 🥞 Families, & Communities

June 19-21, 2018 Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington, KY

Registration available April 2018.

For more information, email Lea.Taylor@ky.gov.

Academy updates will be available at http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/soca.aspx

The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities and Eastern Kentucky University invite primary care providers, clinicians, prevention specialists, educators, child care providers, Family Resource & Youth Service Center staff, juvenile justice staff, family and juvenile services staff, community-based services staff, public health staff, families. youth, and interested community members to attend the 2018 System of Care Academy.



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PAL can also help spouses who are forced to act like a parent to their addicted partner. All other sober family members and friends are also welcome to attend our meetings.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

By attending our meetings, you will learn proven ways to help your loved one toward recovery from addiction. You will also be able to give and receive support from others who are facing the same challenges as vou are.

MONDAYS

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

117 East Jefferson Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

FACILITATED BY PARENTS ON A SIMILAR JOURNEY

For more information, www.pal-group.org or text or call 859-421-3484

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones Support Group

Group is Free – No Registration Required



Every Wednesday 6:30-8:30

3629 Church St. Latonia, KY 41015

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www.covingtoncharities.org

For More Information, Contact:

Laura Jackson / Paula Weber (859)581-8974

Tina & Tony Garera (859)760-0954





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> **TUESDAYS** 6:30-8:00 MENTOR CHURCH

FACILITATED BY LISA RUSCHMAN & TONI BEASLEY TWO PARENTS ON THE SAME JOURNEY.

> For more information, www.pal-group.org or text or call Toni Beasley 859.414.8873 (calls will be returned after 5 pm or on weekends)

Someone to call

The Peer Support program

Some days are better than others. But it helps to have someone to talk to someone who can relate to your recovery experience.

People who care and understand

Our Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid Peer Support program offers you more than just a listening ear. Sometimes the best way to learn about recovery is from someone who's been there. Anthem certified Peer Support Specialists understand because they've successfully managed their own recovery. They can also tell you how to get services that are already included in your Anthem benefits or available locally through one of our partners. Programs such as smoking cessation, free mobile wellness apps or local support groups are all within your reach to help with your recovery.

You set the pace

You decide how often you want to talk. When you participate in the program, one of our Peer Support Specialists will:

- Set up a schedule for when we'll talk
- . Help you find resources from Anthem. your community or online
- · Provide you with tools to better communicate with your provider
- · Listen and offer recovery support

We'll do our best to help you with the tools you need for your recovery.



Stay in touch

Keep our phone number hands: 1-844-879-3599 (TTY 711) Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time.

If you need help when we're not available:

- . To talk to a nurse, night or day, call the Care on Call line at 1-866-864-2544 (TTY 711).
- For information about your benefits, call 1-855-690-7784 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.





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For Spouses Too!

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By attending our meetings, you will learn proven and suggested ways to help your loved one, and yourself, in recovery from addiction. You will also be able to receive support from, and give support to, others who are facing the same challenges you are in your journey of addiction of a loved one.

PAL Support Group – Lawrenceburg, KY Meeting Thursday Evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Anderson Christian Church, 1631 U.S. 127 Bypass South, Lawrenceburg, KY

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For additional information, please visit: www.palgroup.org

If you know of any support groups or family/offender resources you would like to see published, please email:

Melissaj.moore@ky.gov Division of Reentry Services



Do you have family or a friend in jail or prison?

Are you looking for a safe, welcoming community where you will be accepted without judgement?

Join us the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00pm.

All are welcome.



PLEASE JOIN US

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY INC SUPPORT GROUP

WHEN

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30-8:00PM

WHERE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 3629 CHURCH ST. COVINGTON, KY 41015

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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We Will Be Offering A Lite Meal And Free Child Care

Families of the Incarcerated is a group of family members in the Owensboro, Kentucky area with loved ones incarcerated, comitted to providing support to one another and provide for a smoother transition for the families once their loved ones returnhome.

> Where: Craven Elementary School 2741 Cravens Ave. Owensboro, KY When: 2nd Monday of each month Time:5:30-7:00 PM

We welcome all families who are seeking a place of love, support, and encouragement as they deal with having a family member in jail.

PLEASE RSVP TO:

Tonya Barr- Owensboro Middle School 270-686-1159 tonya.barr@owensboro.kyschools.us

Shannon Rafferty– Cravens Elementary 270-686-1190 Shannon.rafferty@owensboro.kyschools.us

Central Kentucky's Family & Friends
of the Incarcerated & Convicted

Second Saturday of each month Memorial United Methodist Church

(In Collaboration with MUMC and Feeding America Food Distribution)

631 N. Miles St Elizabethtown, KY 42701 8AM-12PM

Stop by our table set up. We help find resources, give moral support and answer questions relating to loved ones going into prison/jail or being released.

Central Area covers: Breckinridge, Hardin, Marion, Nelson, Grayson, Larue, Meade and Washington counties of KY.

Contact Eva, email: freedomministriesky@gmail.com or Frank (270) 769-8735, email: frank_anglin.kyreentry@yahoo.com for more information



FREE is a Family Centered Care Group that focuses on sharing and helping those involved in the criminal justice system and their families to overcome obstacles and find community resources that are available with an understanding of life after incarceration.

We are currently looking for both a location and a facilitator to start up again a formal group.

If you are interested, please contact Kerry at: kerry.mears@ky.gov or 502-229-9638

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CENTRAL KENTUCKY'S FAMILY & FRIENDS OF THE INCARCERATED & CONVICTED



SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(IN COLLABORATION WITH MUMC AND FEEDING AMERICA FOOD DISTRIBUTION)

631 N. MILES ST ELIZABETHTOWN, KY 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

STOP BY OUR TABLE AND WE CAN HELP YOU FIND RESOURCES, GIVE MORAL SUPPORT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATING TO LOVED ONES ENTERING OR RELEASING LOCAL JAILS OR INSTITUTIONS.

CENTRAL AREA COVERS: BRECKINRIDGE, HARDIN, MARION, NELSON, GRAYSON, LARUE, MEADE & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

CONTACT FRANK AT 270-769-8735 OR EMAIL: FRANK_ANGLIN.KYREENTRY@YAHOO.COM

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